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FOR ARA- ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR
SHLAUDEMANN

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SUBJ: AP NEWS RELEASE

1. EL NACIONAL CALLED EMBASSY AT 4:35PM TO ASK ABOUT AN AP REPORT THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY NAME SHLAUDEMANN TO REPLACE ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS. AP DISPATCH BY GEORGE GEDDA SAIB: "PRESIDENT GERALD FORD MAY HAVE DECIDED TO NAME THE AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS HARRY W. SHLAUDEMANN TO HEAD LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE".

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, "RELIABLE SOURCES SAID THAT SHLAUDEMANN WOULD SUCCEED WILLIAM ROGERS WHO WILL BE NAMED TO THE POSITION OF UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS BEING DELAYED, POSSIBLY UNTIL AFTER THE PRIMARIES IN TEXAS ON SATURDAY SINCE ROGERS, A DEMOCRAT, IS UNDER FIRE BY SUPPORTERS OF FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR, RONALD REAGAN, WHO CONSIDERS ROGERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING THE POLICY OF 'CAVING IN' ON THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE." THE AP STORY ADDS THAT IF REAGAN BEATS FORD IN TEXAS THE PRESIDENT MAY SHELVE THE ROGERS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNDER SECRETARY POSITION.

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3. THE EMBASSY IS RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES THAT WE HAVE
NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE AP REPORT AND CANNOT COMMENT
ON IT.
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